



Docket No.: 1293.1901

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Tae-eun KWON

Serial No. 10/629,851

Group Art Unit: 2875

Confirmation No. 6163

Filed: July 30, 2003

Examiner: Guiyoung LEE

For: OPTICAL GUIDE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

**COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Statements of Reasons for Allowance were forwarded in the Notice of Allowability mailed November 1, 2007 and the Office Action mailed August 9, 2005.

MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible estoppel effects.

The Examiner characterizes certain features of various claims. However, the Examiner has not recited the appropriate language for the appropriate claims as pending and allowed in the application.

By way of example, the Reasons in the Notice of Allowability with respect to claims 14 and 21 refer to a slope which connects the reflective slopes. However, independent claim 14 does not recite this feature. The Reasons with respect to claims 14 and 21 also state that the

slope which connects has a width greater than a width of the reflective slopes. However, claim 21 does not recite this feature.

The foregoing is merely meant to be exemplary, and does not point out all of the discrepancies between the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and the claimed features of the currently pending claims.

It is further submitted that the claims speak for themselves and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's characterizations of same. It is also submitted that the claims provide their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance.

In summary, it is submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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